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SUBJECT: FY-74 SMALL BUSINESSMEN'S TOUR

REF: LAGOS A-251 SEPTEMBER 14, 1972

EMBASSY PROPOSES REPEAT SMALL BUSINESSMEN'S TOUR TO BEGIN SECOND HALF OCTOBER. ONCE AGAIN EMBASSY WILL SELECT SIX NIGERIAN BUSINESSMEN USING SAME BASIC CRITERIA AS FOR LAST TOUR IN MARCH/APRIL.

ALTHOUGH ESCORT OFFICER SEEMD TO HAVE SOME COMPLAINTS ABOUT INDIVIDUALS CHOSEN FOR LAST PROJECT, GRANTEES THEMSELVES WERE UNANIMOUSLY LAUDATORY OF PROGRAM. THEREFORE, PROPOSE SAME BASIC FORMAT FOR UPCOMING TOUR WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

A.) WITH IMI APPROVAL, EXTEND THEIR SEMINAR TO TEN DAYS.

B.) DURING OBSERVATION TRAVEL AFTER SEMINAR, PROVIDE MORE INDIVIDUALIZED PROGRAMS PERHAPS EVEN TREATING THEM AS SIX INDIVIDUAL IV GRANTEES.

EMBASSY FOR ITS PART WILL EMPHASIZE "LIMITATIONS" OF PROGRAM WHICH PREVIOUS GROUP NOT APPARENTLY AWARE OF IN ORDER MINIMIZE CONFLICTS WHICH MIGHT ARISE.

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FOR IBADAN, KADUNA AND KANO: FORWARDING SPECIAL FORMS TO BE

COMPLETED BY YOUR NOMINEE. NOMINATIONS MUST ARRIVE LAGOS
BEFORE FINAL SELECTION MEETING SEPTEMBER 14.
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